MR. M. SUBBA RAO, HEGGADDEVANKOTE TALUK.—

Q.—10. Will the Government be pleased to state the following:—

(1) When were the orders of Government passed sanctioning scholarships to backward communities in Education?

(2) What is the amount allotted per year for this purpose? And what amount has been spent up to date in this connection?

(3) What is the amount so granted to Brahmins and Non-Brahmins?

(4) Does the order of Government prescribe the grant of scholarships to backward communities or does it prescribe for Non-Brahmins only?

(5) Are there no backward classes also among Brahmins?

(6) Why was not scholarship paid to such backward communities and why were they not included in the list of backward communities?

(7) What is the percentage of education in a community which qualified it for this scholarship ? What kind of education is it that is thought of ? And the minimum examination prescribed ?

(8) Although there are certain sects of Brahmins who are completely backward, why were they not included in the list mentioned in the Miller Committee Report and thus make them fit for receiving the above scholarships ?

(9) Is it now possible to include such Brahmins in the list of backward communities and award them the above scholarships ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) In May 1917.

(2) The amount allotted for Educational Scholarships to backward communities is Rs. 1,00,000 per annum inclusive of a sum of Rs. 15,000 reserved for the depressed classes.

Information as to the amount actually spent has been called for and will be furnished to the Member on receipt.

(3) No part of this amount has been awarded to Brahmins.

(4) and (7) The general principle laid down is that all communities which have less than 5 per cent of their total population literate in English, are entitled to the benefit of the scheme. Accordingly Brahmins do not come in under the scheme.

(5), (6) and (9) It is not possible to recognise sub-sects of any community for the purpose of awarding backward class scholarships.

(8) *Vide* answer to (5), (6) and (9). The Government Order on the Miller Committee Report does not deal with the question of scholarships.

MESSRS. A. ANANTHIAH, SHIMOGA TALUK AND P. VENKAPPIAH, SHIMOGA DISTRICT BOARD.—

Q.—11. Are the Government aware that owing to excavation of the channels in connection with the Bhadra Project interfering with the natural catchment area, the irrigation *atchkat* and the drainage of tanks in the region, any delay in the execution of the work will cause a great deal of damage and injury to the ryots and will the Government be pleased to state if any steps have been taken to ascertain the damage that will so be caused and to compensate the ryots if there should be delay in the speedy execution of the project?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, P. W. DEPARTMENT.—

A.—Government have received a representation on the subject and have made the necessary provision for sufficient progress in the execution of the work.